

RUSHVILLE HISTORIC BOARD

June 12, 2007

The meeting of the Rushville Historic Review board was called to order at 6:45 PM at Rush County Museum.

Albert Hodge called the meeting to order.

Members present were Albert Hodge, Jim Huston , Joe Rathz and Gary Cameron. Also present was Scott Murray with Mike Sweet arriving during the meeting.

Al Hodge moved to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting. Jim Huston seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

First action item was the proposal of Mike Sweet of Sweet Advertising which was continued from the May 8th meeting. Jim Huston cited 6-101-4-15-4 subsection ii and iii of the zoning district regulations. Jim made a motion to deny a certificate of appropriateness to Mr. Sweet based on the zoning law as written. A second to this motion was given by Gary Cameron. A vote was taken and all present members voted to deny the certificate of appropriateness.

The next item discussed was the St. Mathias building located in the 1000 block of north Main St. Joe Rathz spoke with prosecutor Paul Barada who assured him the building will maintain its current appearance.

Joe Rathz presented amendments to the board to look over and if everything was acceptable proceed to present them to the City Council. Jim offered a few additional comments on the evergreen masses statement in the 6-101-4-14-9 paragraph. It was the consensus of the board that this should be amended. These amendments will be reflected in the revised ordinance to be presented to the City Council.

The members of the board present moved to accept the modified district boundaries as prepared and presented by Joe Rathz.

One item that the board felt needed action was the issuance of a letter to all the residences in the Historic District apprising them of the following: the existence of the board, a map of the district, a short explanation of the boards purpose and intent (1 pg. 74), meeting date and time, application process, and where those could be obtained. Jim Huston graciously volunteered to pen this letter. It will be presented with the amended ordinance to the city council.

The board decided to change the existing meeting time to be the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30

Joe Rathz presented an application form for approval. Gary Cameron moved to accept the application form with Jim Huston making a second. The motion was unanimous to accept the form.

Discussion was given on presenting some kind of award every year for projects the best exemplify the qualities of historic preservation and upkeep. There would be one award for residential projects and one award for commercial projects. Nominees for these awarded would be presented the board for selection.

Joe Rathz will present the amended ordinance to the City Council at there 1st meeting in July.

With no further business to discuss, Jim Huston made a motion to adjourn with Joe Rathz making a second. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.